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Appl. No. : 10/565,270 (U.S. National Stage of PCT/JP2004/014647)
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For : FIXING DEVICE AND TEMPERATURE CONTROL METHOD

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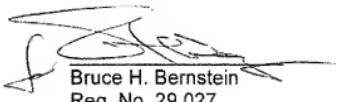
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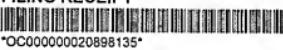
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